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Shocking police atrocities against more than thousand persons today in weekly charity event - making a mockery of Joy of Giving Week

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Sirs,

Sub: Shocking police atrocities on 6-10-2012 against more than thousand persons coming to my weekly charity event, that too in the Joy of Giving week

"The Hindu", Ananda Vikatan, Sathiyam TV, Now Indiar Times have in the past extensively covered about the **weekly charity** given by me continuously over the last 2.5 years, and the details of appreciation by the press are available at the website quoted above (<http://www.sri-sivathanu-charitable-trust.org/home/press>). My charity is being continuously given **without a break of even a single week over the last 2.5 years, and even during heavy rains**, the charity continued without any interruption. About 1500-1700 persons receive the charity every week (as proved by videos in the above website), which includes ex-servicemen, senior citizens, housewives, blind, handicapped, sick persons, and all types of poor people, and I respect them as my friends, whom I help voluntarily and happily, like the free legal advice on Sundays given by me for years together. The charity I give is out of my own income and wealth and **not a single rupee of donation is received from any third party** as clearly stated in the above website and in the press coverage as well.

Yesterday, i.e. on 6-10-2012, the police chased away all the poor people preventing them from receiving charity from my house at 136 Babanagar 6th Street Villivakkam, Chennai 49, without any rhyme or reason, and **the police have heartlessly and mercilessly beaten even handicapped and blind people, women and old people, and even caused bleeding injuries** as per the **video testimony given by some of the beneficiaries** of my charity. It is a **serious human rights violation and makes a mockery of the Joy of Giving Week**. The video evidences containing the detailed testimony of several people is enclosed along with this letter.

As a result of this **merciless and brutal beating** and chasing away of the beneficiaries of charity by the police, only 269 people showed up yesterday until 6pm (compared to 1643 who came last week, and 1715 the week before). Only 22 handicapped and blind people showed up today as against 316 last week and 377 the week before that. Out of the total 269 who came this week, more than 200 came only in the afternoon (**as against the normal charity time of 8 AM to 11 AM regularly on all other Saturdays**) that too in fear and in small groups, and the remaining more than 1400 people should have run away in fear -- thus in order to beat and send back the remaining 1500 people, it is obvious that **a large number of policemen should have been deployed (also confirmed by the video testimonials)**, which is a **co-ordinated attack against poor people by the police force**.

It is a **serious and audacious crime against humanity** that too in a charity given by an enlightened senior citizen and advocate who is a noted philanthropist appreciated by aforesaid reputed magazines/newspaper/TV etc. that too in the Joy of Giving Week, that too without any intimation, any provocation, any justification or any rhyme or reason especially in a charity that is continuing continuously every week for the last 2.5 yrs as evidenced by the weekly videos in the website: (<http://www.sri-sivathanu-charitable-trust.org/home/gallery>)

List of video testimonies by several affected people proving the brutal and merciless beating by the police

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2Lu_dOdOAs

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEolkxVTOO8>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRd6qTx8LLQ>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=un24khQ8_po

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5YuoqwQMx8>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B22XbveLW5o>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hxu2CkBHy0I>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxpi1zB8Kgc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKu3LIQpLXc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ksroNbezTU>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxpi1zB8Kgc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hjQDndVa-Y>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaH3lra3tg0>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4R7PLHXFok>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mw6pP2E5eY>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilCkZTYKPqQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAWj9uTk5LQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TR1HoSD-QS8>

Such a **serious violation of human rights and blatant attack against poor people** that too in a charity event led by a senior citizen and experienced advocate that has been going on uninterruptedly every week for the past 2.5 years is a direct attack on the liberty and right to life of these poor persons.

I request you to take immediate action and remedial steps to ensure that the police atrocities against more than 1000 people (many of whom are blind, handicapped and old people) are immediately stopped, so that such atrocities don't occur again in the mornings of coming Saturdays. Many of these people depend on the charity given by me for their basic livelihood as could be seen from the reports in popular magazine Ananda Vikatan and Sathiyam TV (given in my website <http://www.sri-sivathanu-charitable-trust.org/home/press>). Depriving those poor people of their minimum and part of livelihood and the police beating them up mercilessly for no reason is a serious human rights violation that deserves your immediate attention and action.

Yours Sincerely,

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